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TITLE: Method and system for distributing health information

Detailed Description Text (4):

FIG. 2 shows a flow diagram of the method of distributing medical information according to the present invention. First, the user of the setup system 110, FIG. 1, who can be the patient or the patient's physician, generates security access codes, step 202, which will provide varying access to the patient's medical records. Such security access codes can include demographic data such as the patient's name, birth date, social security number, address and phone number; non-demographic data such as a passport number and the patient's native language; physical attributes such as eye and hair color and scars or other identifying marks; and user-definable fields such as passwords. The user then generates hierarchical categories into which the patient's medical information will be stored, step 204. These categories range from a low security category, for information that the patient is less concerned about becoming known by a third party, to a high security category, for information that the patient is more concerned about becoming known by a third party. The patient and/or the patient's physician then determine the level of privacy that is desired for each piece of medical information in the patient's medical record, step 206. The least private level could include information such as the patient's blood type and allergies. The most private level could include HIV data. Intermediate levels of privacy may include serology data, psychiatric data, cardiology data and genetic data. After the levels of privacy for each piece of the patient's medical information is determined, the information is transmitted from the setup system 110, FIG. 1, to the server system 120 over the communications network 160, and is stored in a database 122 of the server system 120, step 208. The patient then assigns one or more of the security access codes to each of the categories in the database 122, step 210. Preferably, security access codes that are easier to ascertain are assigned to low security categories, while security access codes that are more difficult to ascertain are assigned to high security categories. This allows the patient to more precisely control who has access to the categories, by enabling the patient to provide the security access codes for each of the categories only to medical personnel who have a "need-to-know" the particular information in each category.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6988075 B1

TITLE: Patient-controlled medical information system and method

Brief Summary Text (4):

U.S. Pat. No. 6,018,713 to Coli et al. discloses a network-based system and method for ordering and reporting the cumulative results of medical tests. The system includes a computer operated at a physician location (such as a hospital or physician office) to order tests, retrieve and store statistical data or status the progress of previously ordered tests, and at least one lab site computer for receiving physician requests for tests and reporting their results. The physician computer and lab site computer are interconnected by a computer network. The physician computer receives a physician or user request for ordering a test, causes a test request message to be sent to the lab site computer, causes a request for statistical data to be sent to the network, and receives statistical data from the network. The lab site computer is programmed to receive a test request message and to cause a test results message or a test status message to be sent to the physician computer. The system also includes a patient database computer which generates longitudinal medical reports, and performs test ordering functions, real time results reporting, and intelligent physician alerting and decision support functions, as appropriate in response to requests from other computers in the system. No patient access to or control of their medical records is disclosed.

Brief Summary Text (7):

U.S. Pat. No. 5,772,585 to Lavin et al. discloses a system and method for managing patient medical information to facilitate data management and improve physician access to and recordal of examination data is described. The method comprises a computer aided process including the steps of scheduling appointments, entering and displaying data to a physician, updating the patient data with progress notes concurrently with an examination, displaying allergy warnings and recording a diagnosis based on the progress notes. A common graphic user interface is also disclosed to facilitate operation of the preferred system and method. The system and method are implemented with a relational database operating on data tables which store information input into the user interface. No patient access to or control of their medical records is disclosed.

Brief Summary Text (8):

U.S. Pat. No. 5,845,253 to Rensimer et al. discloses system and method for processing patient data permits physicians and other medical staff personnel to record, accurately and precisely, historical patient care information. An objective measure of a physician's rendered level of care, as described by a clinical status code, is automatically generated. Data elements used in the determination of the generated clinical status code include a level of history of the patient, a level of examination of the patient, a decision-making process of the physician treating the patient, and a "time influence factor." The quantity and quality of care information for a particular patient is enhanced allowing future care decisions for that patient to be based on a more complete medical history. Enhanced care information can be used in outcome studies to track the efficacy of specific treatment protocols. Archiving of patient information is done in a manner which allows reconstruction of the qualitative aspects of provided medical services. The medical care data can be recorded, saved, and transferred from a portable system to

a larger stationary information or database system. No patient access to or control of their medical records is disclosed.

Brief Summary Text (20):

U.S. Pat. No. 5,823,948 to Ross, Jr. et al. discloses a system that provides: automatic incorporation of dictated text; medical records summary generation in medical English text; parsing dictation to data; prephrased text; automatic generation of medical record as consequence of data entry; automatic notation of allergies, significant medical conditions and pregnancy; pregnancy linking, automatically; security card--close on pull; multi-look grease board; outstanding orders listing for all patients in the department; department layout; room selection excludes occupied rooms; nurses notes to text; nurses notes from physician orders to nurses; lab request screen shows all previously ordered labs; therapeutics; ACLS recording; lacerations; doctor specific prescriptions and medication orders; review of systems; coding level alerts; differential diagnosis--filter to sex and age; diagnosis--fractures to text; doctor interval reexamination; patient instructions predicated on what was done; patient instruction video on demand; patient informed consent video on demand; video teleconferencing; electronic signatures; automatic backup and incremental backup with system on-line; critical management reports; and automatic research data extraction. No patient access to or control of their medical records is disclosed.

Description Paragraph (19):

Patients can access their medical data via a standard Web browser (preferably with strong encryption) and can use server-based software tools (using Java applets, for example) to graphically and textually access their records. Although access is shown through a patient PC 102, any other network-enabled browsing device can be used, including but not limited to hand-held computers (PDAs), WAP-enabled wireless phones, automobile-mounted computers, TV set-top browser systems, and Internet-specific browsing devices. Access can be controlled by a server-set cookie or patient-supplied alphanumeric identifier in combination with a patient-supplied passphrase. FIG. 2 discloses an example of a display screen from a browser 200 for patient access to their medical record. In this example, a patient 201 can access records from various medical events or procedures by selecting hypertext links 210 to view portions of their record. In the disclosed embodiment, hypertext links to the records can be chosen from a chronological table of contents (TOC), or from other categorized sections 220 such as by doctor, by diagnostic test, by prescription, etc. The browser window can also provide a menu 230 for selecting other tools for viewing data from the patient's record.

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